

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace numbered paragraph [0048] on page 7 with the following rewritten version:

[0048] As also seen in Figure 2, the headset 20 includes an upper steering bearing set 20a and a lower steering bearing set 20b. The headset 20 is a relatively conventional part of a bicycle. Thus, the headset 20 will not be discussed or illustrated in detail herein. The handlebar 17 is fixed to the steerer tube 18a of the front suspension fork 18 by the mounting portion 17a. In particular, the mounting portion 17a of the handlebar 17 is a tube clamp in which the inner diameter of the mounting bore decreases upon the tightening of the bolts 17b. In the present invention, the expandable bicycle headset structure 11 is mounted on the steerer tube 18a of the front suspension fork 18 in between the upper steering bearing set 20a and the mounting portion 17a of the handlebar 17. After the mounting portion 17a of the handlebar 17 is fixedly clamped to the steerer tube 18a, the expandable bicycle headset structure 11 is adjusted to apply axial forces to the mounting portion 17a of the handlebar 17 and the headset 20. In particular, the expandable bicycle headset structure 11 is configured and arranged to expand in an axial direction on the steerer tube 18a to apply an axial force to the headset 20. This axial force on the headset 20 allows the ~~used~~ user to apply to appropriate load to the upper and lower steering bearing sets 20a and 20b.

Please replace numbered paragraph [0069] on page 13 with the following rewritten version:

[0069] Referring now to Figures 14-24, an expandable bicycle headset structure 211 in accordance with a second embodiment will now be explained. The expandable bicycle headset structure 211 is installed on the steerer tube 18a of the front suspension fork 18 of the bicycle 10. In other words, the expandable bicycle headset structure 211 replaces the expandable bicycle headset structure 11. Accordingly, in this second embodiment of the present invention, the expandable bicycle headset structure 211 is mounted on the steerer tube 18a of the front suspension fork 18 in between the upper steering bearing set 20a and the

mounting portion 17a of the handlebar 17. After the mounting portion 17a of the handlebar 17 is fixedly clamped to the steerer tube 18a, the expandable bicycle headset structure 211 is adjusted to apply axial forces to the mounting portion 17a of the handlebar 17 and the headset 20. In particular, the expandable bicycle headset structure 211 is configured and arranged to expand in an axial direction on the steerer tube 18a to apply an axial force to the headset 20. This axial force on the headset 20 allows the ~~used~~ user to apply to appropriate load to the upper and lower steering bearing sets 20a and 20b.

Please replace numbered paragraph [0070] on page 13 with the following rewritten version:

[0070] The expandable bicycle headset structure 211 basically includes a top (first) tubular member or spacer 261, a locking member or collar 262, and a bottom (second) tubular member or spacer 263. In this embodiment, the bicycle headset structure ~~344~~ 211 also includes an additional bottom (third) tubular member or spacer 264 that located on the steerer tube 18a between the bottom (second) tubular spacer 263 and the upper steering bearing set 20a of the headset 20. As explained below, the top and bottom tubular spacers 261 and 263 are adjustably coupled together to change an effective overall axial length of the expandable bicycle headset structure 211. Thus, top and bottom tubular spacers 261 and 263 apply an axial force to the headset 20 that rotatably mounts the steerer tube 18a of the front suspension fork 18 to the head tube 12d of the bicycle frame 12.